

**Agenda**  
**2015 Fall Meeting: *Innovation***  
**The Environmental Council of the States**  
**Sunday, August 30 – Wednesday, September 2, 2015\***  
**The Hotel Viking, Newport, Rhode Island**  
**\*Followed by Meeting of the E-Enterprise for the Environment Leadership Council**  
**Wednesday, September 2 – Thursday, September 3, 2015**

**Notes:**

- 1) Twitter users are encouraged to use #ECOSFallMtg15 to tweet about the meeting.
  - 2) Dress for the meetings is business casual.
  - 3) Draft resolutions will be posted near the registration desk in the Viking Foyer.
  - 4) All meetings are open to all registrants, **including press**, except where indicated.
  - 5) The Viking Ballroom and Viking Foyer are located on the Conference Level below the Lobby Level. The Bellevue Ballroom, Colonnade Room, and Touro Boardroom are located on the Lobby Level.
  - 6) The election of officers will be conducted by electronic ballot. Voting opens prior to the meeting and closes on **August 31 at 1:15 p.m. Eastern**. Unless a run-off election is required, the new slate of officers will be announced at the start of the second plenary session at **3:00 p.m.** that day.
  - 7) Also at the Fall Meeting, states from even-numbered U.S. EPA Regions will elect new representatives to the Executive Committee. Under ECOS' bylaws, the current regional representative may not be re-selected to the position. States in even-numbered regions should caucus amongst themselves to identify and select their representative and report the decision to ECOS Executive Director Alexandra Dunn before or during the meeting.
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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30**

**ORD Tools Café,**  
**hosted by the U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development (ORD)**  
**in partnership with the Environmental Research Institute of the States (ERIS)**  
**12:30 – 4:00 p.m.**  
**Coastal Institute**  
**University of Rhode Island Bay Campus**  
**Narragansett, Rhode Island**

ORD, together with ECOS research arm ERIS, will host a hands-on Tools Café with exhibits and demonstrations to showcase EPA research and ORD tools available to states. ORD also will offer an optional tour of its Atlantic Ecology Division facilities, featuring the boathouse (sampling), greenhouse (wetlands research), and green roof. Round-trip transportation from The Hotel Viking will be provided, with pickup at 12:30 p.m. Those also participating in the schooner trip will be dropped off first at Bowen's Wharf by 4:30 p.m.

**Optional ECOS Event**  
**Schooner Trip aboard the Schooner Adirondack II**  
**4:45 – 6:15 p.m.**  
**23 Bowen's Wharf**  
**Newport, Rhode Island**

Attendees who have received reservation confirmations from ECOS should arrive by 4:30 p.m. at the Adirondack II kiosk, which is located within walking distance of The Hotel Viking, for ticket pickup.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 31**

**Registration Desk Open**  
**7:30 a.m.**  
**Viking Foyer**

**Continental Breakfast**  
**7:30 – 9:00 a.m.**  
**Bellevue Ballroom**

**CLOSED SESSION**  
**The Environmental Research Institute of the States Board Meeting**  
**7:30 – 9:00 a.m.**  
**Touro Boardroom**

Led by David Paylor of Virginia, ERIS President, and staffed by Carolyn Hanson of ECOS. Open to ERIS Board members, ECOS members and their staff, and ECOS staff. Continental breakfast may be taken into the room.

**Discussion of New Directions for the ECOS Shale Gas Caucus (SGC)**  
**8:00 – 9:00 a.m.**  
**Colonnade Room**

Led by Martha Rudolph of Colorado and Dave Glatt of North Dakota, SGC Co-Chairs, and staffed by Lia Parisien of ECOS. Continental breakfast may be taken into the room. The session will tee up possible areas of focus for the second phase of the SGC's work. After having concentrated since last year on best practices to reduce methane and air toxics, the SGC now may turn its attention to topics including advanced monitoring, best practice verification, and market-based and regulatory incentives to promote best practice use.

**Opening Plenary Session**  
**9:00 – 9:55 a.m.**  
**Viking Ballroom**

- ☐ **Call to Order**, Bob Martineau of Tennessee, ECOS President.
- ☐ **Introduction of Officers and Self-Introduction of Members.** {10}
- ☐ **Host State Welcome and Overview of Local Environmental Issues**, Janet Coit of Rhode Island. {5}
- ☐ **Keynote Address by the Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), U.S. Senator**, introduced by Janet Coit of Rhode Island, followed by Q&A. {30}
- ☐ **Announcements and Agenda Preview**, Bob Martineau of Tennessee. {10}

**Fresh Air Break, with Refreshments  
9:55 – 10:10 a.m.  
Viking Foyer and Courtyard**

**A Plus B Equals More than C: Maximizing Complementary Benefits of Multiple Rules  
– Innovating, Improving Results, and Getting Credit,  
hosted by the ECOS Air Committee  
John Linc Stine of Minnesota, Chair,  
and Bryan Shaw of Texas, Vice Chair,  
and staffed by Kelly Poole and Andy Teplitzky of ECOS  
10:10 – 11:40 a.m.  
Viking Ballroom**

States harvested “low-hanging fruit” for air pollution control long ago, but implementing new and tightened requirements with reduced resources has states seeking additional opportunities to leverage regulatory actions and maximize secondary benefits reducing multiple pollutants. The Clean Power Plan gives new urgency and potentially new chances to create, document, verify, and claim credit for such reductions. Members and other experts will discuss evolving theories and examples in this lively session.

**Lunch, with Keynote Presentation on The Case for Innovation in Government  
by Peter Schuck, Simeon E. Baldwin Professor Emeritus of Law, Yale University,  
and author of the book *Why Government Fails so Often, and How it Can Do Better*  
(Princeton University Press 2014, paperback 2015)  
introduced by Bob Martineau of Tennessee  
11:40 a.m. – 12:55 p.m.  
Bellevue Ballroom**

The keynote will be followed by Q&A.

**ECOS Member and Deputy Photo (followed by ECOS Staff Photo)  
12:55 – 1:15 p.m.  
Courtyard (or Viking Foyer in the event of rain)**

**Budget Wizardry and Creative Outreach through Twitter and Facebook,  
hosted by the ECOS Planning Committee,  
Bill Ehm of Iowa, Chair,  
and John Linc Stine of Minnesota, Vice Chair,  
and staffed by Beth Graves of ECOS  
1:15 – 2:30 p.m.  
Viking Ballroom**

Wizardry? States may feel like magicians as they work to accomplish needed tasks within budgetary limitations. Toward this end, states and U.S. EPA have worked together to increase flexibility in the National Program Managers Guidance documents. States also have had to address FY15 rescissions, making Performance Partnership Grants more attractive to manage through these challenges. Creativity? How do you engage with communities and get attention you seek using Twitter and Facebook? This session will explore the paths states have taken and examine the effectiveness of various approaches.

**Fresh Air Break, with Refreshments and Book Signing by Author Peter Schuck**  
**2:30 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Viking Foyer and Courtyard**

**Second Plenary Session**  
**3:00 – 3:45 p.m.**  
**Viking Ballroom**

- ☐ **Announcement of New Officers**, Bob Martineau of Tennessee. {5}
- ☐ **Presentation and Acceptance of ECOS Founders and President's Awards**, Bob Martineau. {10}
- ☐ **Presentation and Acceptance of ECOS State Program Innovation Awards**, John Mitchell of Kansas, Chair, and Dick Pedersen of Oregon, Vice Chair, ECOS Innovations and Productivity Committee. {30}

**Optional Stroll along the Cliff Walk,**  
**Followed by Cash Bar and Clambake**  
**4:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Fort Adams State Park, North Casemates and North Lawn**  
**Newport, Rhode Island**

Attendees who wish to take a stroll along the famed seaside Cliff Walk past the Newport mansions should board a bus at 4:00 p.m. outside The Hotel Viking lobby. Others should board a bus at 4:40 p.m. for transportation directly to Fort Adams State Park. Cliff walkers will be dropped off at the Memorial Boulevard/First Beach entrance and picked up at 5:20 p.m. at the end of Ruggles Avenue, which is marked by a brass plaque and is adjacent to The Breakers mansion. They will then be driven to Fort Adams. Cash bar will be available on the North Lawn starting at 5:00 p.m. Guests may view the opening of the clambake at 6:00 p.m., and the buffet dinner will begin in the Casemates at 6:15 p.m. Attendees may board a bus back to the hotel at 7:30 or 8:10 p.m.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

**Registration Desk Open**  
**7:30 a.m.**  
**Viking Foyer**

**Continental Breakfast with Side Regional Discussions**  
**7:30 – 8:30 a.m.**  
**Bellevue Ballroom**

State attendees should be seated at designated tables with their respective U.S. EPA Regional Administrators and/or Deputy Administrators from all Regions except 2, 9, and 10. States from these Regions are encouraged to sit in on other discussions. Discussions will center on opportunities to advance innovation and efficiency within Regions, drawing on state-Regional experiences and pilot projects to date.

**CLOSED SESSION**  
**Side Discussion of ECOS and National Tribal Caucus Leadership**

**7:30 – 8:30 a.m.**

**Touro Boardroom**

Open to ECOS members with a tribal interest, National Tribal Caucus leaders, designated U.S. EPA representatives, and invited guests. Continental breakfast may be taken into the room.

**Navigating the Perfect Storm: New Water Solutions,**  
**hosted by the ECOS Water Committee,**  
**Sara Parker Pauley of Missouri, Chair,**  
**and David Paylor of Virginia, Vice Chair,**  
**and staffed by Alexandra Dunn and Layne Piper of ECOS**

**8:30 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Viking Ballroom**

Panelists from state environmental agencies, U.S. EPA, and the Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council will discuss innovative approaches surrounding the complex challenges of nutrient control and algal blooms, stormwater funding and management, and trash-free waters initiatives. The session will offer practical, take-home information, tools, and solutions for ECOS members charged with addressing similar issues. The second part of this lively session will feature a special presentation by 2013 CNN Hero of the Year Chad Pregracke, founder of the national river cleanup program Living Lands and Waters and author of *From the Bottom Up: One Man's Crusade to Save America's Rivers*.

**Fresh Air Break, with Refreshments and Book Signing by Chad Pregracke**

**10:00 – 10:15 a.m.**

**Viking Foyer and Courtyard**

**Innovations in Waste Management:**  
**Bright Ideas for Brownfields, Former Farms, Federal Facilities, Landfills, and More**  
**jointly hosted by the ECOS Waste Committee,**  
**Todd Parfitt of Wyoming, Chair,**  
**and Jay Ringenberg of Nebraska, Vice Chair,**  
**and the ECOS Federal Facilities Forum,**  
**Shari Meghreblian of Tennessee, Chair,**  
**and staffed by Lia Parisien and Carolyn Hanson of ECOS**

**10:15 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Viking Ballroom**

This session will spotlight innovative waste management approaches that are proving to be a win-win for state environmental agencies and a variety of stakeholders, including tribes. One state, for instance, has developed unique approaches to a variety of cleanup challenges, streamlining its policies on remediation of contaminated sites that do not pose significant risks, and on historically agricultural properties to encourage future use as open space. Another state, meanwhile, has developed successful methods to achieve solid waste landfill regionalization and remediation. Time will be allotted at the end of the session for a brief update on Coal Combustion Residuals.

**Lunch, with Keynote Presentation  
by the Honorable Gina McCarthy, U.S. EPA Administrator,  
introduced by Bob Martineau of Tennessee  
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.  
Bellevue Ballroom**

The keynote will be followed by Q&A and the signing of a renewal of commitment to the National Environmental Performance Partnership System by Administrator McCarthy and President Martineau.

**CLOSED SESSION  
State-U.S. EPA Co-Regulator Roundtable  
12:50 – 2:30 p.m.  
Viking Ballroom**

Open to ECOS members and their staff and U.S. EPA and tribal representatives.

**Fresh Air Break, with Refreshments  
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.  
Viking Foyer and Courtyard**

**Corporate Roundtable on Innovative Technologies to Achieve Sustainability,  
jointly hosted by the ECOS Cross-Media Committee,  
Deborah Markowitz of Vermont, Chair,  
and Maia Bellon of Washington, Vice Chair,  
and the ECOS Innovations and Productivity Committee,  
John Mitchell of Kansas, Chair,  
and Dick Pedersen of Oregon, Vice Chair,  
and staffed by Carolyn Hanson and Alexandra Dunn of ECOS  
2:45 – 4:00 p.m.  
Viking Ballroom**

This roundtable will bring together companies and U.S. EPA to talk with ECOS members about innovative technologies and systems that are making a clean and sustainable future more possible across the United States and around the globe.

**Fresh Air Break, without Refreshments  
4:00 – 4:15 p.m.  
Viking Foyer and Courtyard**

**Innovating to Improve Compliance Results, Even With Fewer Boots on the Ground,  
hosted by the ECOS Compliance Committee,  
Elizabeth Dieck of South Carolina, Chair,  
and staffed by Kelly Poole and Andy Teplitzky of ECOS  
4:15 – 5:30 p.m.  
Viking Ballroom**

States are using Next Generation Compliance (NGC) to improve environmental results using regulations designed for compliance, advanced monitoring, electronic reporting, public accountability, and innovative enforcement. In this session commissioners will highlight, and all will discuss, NGC efforts in their states – many of which are featured in a new U.S. EPA report on the topic.

*Evening open for sponsored reception, networking, and individually arranged meetings.*

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

**Optional Birding Excursion for Early Birds**

**6:00 – 7:30 a.m.**

**Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge**

Led by Janet Coit of Rhode Island. See the signup sheet and additional details on the bulletin board in the registration area.

**Registration Desk Open**

**7:00 a.m.**

**Viking Foyer**

**Buffet Breakfast**

**7:00 – 8:00 a.m.**

**Bellevue Ballroom**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Side Meeting of the ECOS Data Management Workgroup**

**7:00 – 8:00 a.m.**

**Touro Boardroom**

Led by Kim Hoke of Missouri, Chair, and staffed by Alexandra Dunn and Layne Piper of ECOS. Breakfast may be taken into the room. The DMWG will be joined by U.S. EPA's Chief Information Officer for an informal discussion of mutual goals for interactions with ECOS, and ways to better align implementation timing for rulemakings that intersect with information management issues.

**Answering Your Research Needs,  
hosted by the Environmental Research Institute of the States,**

**David Paylor, President,  
and staffed by Carolyn Hanson of ECOS**

**8:00 – 8:30 a.m.**

**Viking Ballroom**

This informative session will help states better understand how to access research results and support from U.S. EPA. Follow-up on the 2014 survey of state research needs will be addressed, along with ways to engage with EPA in the future on research issues.

**Expanding Joint Governance to the State-U.S. EPA Partnership,  
hosted by the ECOS-U.S. EPA E-Enterprise Leadership Council,  
Tom Burack of New Hampshire, State Co-Chair,  
and Stan Meiburg U.S. EPA Co-Chair,  
and staffed by Alexandra Dunn and Beth Graves of ECOS  
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.  
Viking Ballroom**

Through the primary water, air, and waste statutes, states are co-regulators with U.S. EPA. Traditionally, states are delegated authority over permitting, enforcement, monitoring, data collection, and other activities. Beginning with the Exchange Network first envisioned in 1998, states and EPA have engaged in joint governance of the Central Data Exchange (CDX) and related exchange of data between states and EPA. States and EPA have expanded this practice to new areas under E-Enterprise. What does joint governance really mean? How does it manifest in projects underway today? This session will explore some recent projects, what we are learning, and what may come. It also will feature the presentation of ECOS Special Recognition Awards.

**Fresh Air Break, with Refreshments  
9:30 – 9:45 a.m.  
Viking Foyer and Courtyard**

**CLOSED SESSION (STATES AND ECOS STAFF ONLY)  
Third Plenary Session  
9:45 – 11:00 a.m.  
Ballroom**

- ☐ **Call to Order**, Bob Martineau of Tennessee.
- ☐ **Resolutions Discussion and Voting**, led by Bob Martineau and ECOS Committee Chairs. Open to ECOS members and their staff, U.S. EPA representatives, tribal representatives, and state association staff. {40}
- ☐ **Preview of New and Sunsetting Resolutions for the 2016 Spring Meeting**, led by Bob Martineau and ECOS Committee Chairs. {5}

**SESSION OPENS TO ALL ATTENDEES**

- ☐ **Selection of Host State for 2017 Fall Meeting**, led by Bob Martineau. Members will vote on a location for the 2016 Fall Meeting. Interested hosts should come prepared with an overview of their state's attractions. {10}
- ☐ **Outgoing and Incoming ECOS Presidents' Remarks**, Bob Martineau of Tennessee and Martha Rudolph of Colorado (tentative). {10}
- ☐ **Executive Director Remarks, Recognition of Officers**, Alexandra Dunn of ECOS. {10}
- ☐ **Call to Adjourn**, Bob Martineau.



**CLOSED SESSION**  
**The ECOS Executive Committee**  
**11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**  
**Viking Ballroom**

Open to ECOS members and their staff and ECOS staff. Chaired by Bob Martineau of Tennessee, ECOS President, and prepared by Alexandra Dunn of ECOS. Boxed lunch served to session participants.

**The ECOS Federal Facilities Forum,**  
**1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Colonnade Room**

Led by Shari Meghreblian of Tennessee, Federal Facilities Chair, and staffed by Carolyn Hanson of ECOS.

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**CLOSED SESSION**  
**E-Enterprise for the Environment Leadership Council Meeting**  
**1:15 – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Salons A and B (portions of Viking Ballroom)**

Open to EELC members, states, territories, and tribes interested in observing, and staff.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 – CONTINUATION OF EELC MEETING**

**CLOSED SESSION**  
**E-Enterprise for the Environment Leadership Council Meeting**  
**8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Salons A and B (portions of Viking Ballroom)**

Open to EELC members, states, territories, and tribes interested in observing, and staff.

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2016 Spring Meeting	2016 Fall Meeting
April 11 –13, 2016	September 7 – 9, 2016 (tentative)
Nashville, Tennessee	West Virginia

2017 Spring Meeting	2017 Fall Meeting
Dates TBD	Dates TBD
Washington, DC	Location TBD